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W. L. Cohoon Heard By Local Juniors

State Councilor Delivered Fine Address in Courthouse Here Monday Night; Sees Many Changes in Watauga During Past 30 Years

Walter L. Cohoon, state councilor of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, accompanied by District Deputy Gilley, was in the city Monday and in the evening delivered an address at the courthouse to the members of his organization locally and a small number of outsiders. Mr. Cohoon had not been in Watauga county for about thirty years and was most favorably impressed with the growth of the community since his last visit, referring to Watauga in his introductory remarks as the "most beautiful spot in all of Western Carolina."

This itinerary is made in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the Junior Order on May 17. Mayor W. R. Gragg made the introductory talk, after which Mr. Cohoon stated the purposes in mind when a small group of pioneers founded the Junior Order United American Mechanics in what was then a suburb of Philadelphia. In a most forceful and eloquent way the speaker told of the accomplishments of the organization all down through the decades, especially as regards educational uplift, and lent a local touch to the address by calling attention to its united cooperation with Governor Aycock at the start of his memorable campaign to provide educational advantages for every child in North Carolina. He described very vividly the growth of the state from the days when it was famed only for war, pitch and turpentine, to the present leading commonwealth of all the south, and in many respects, of all America.

In a final plea to the members of the organization as well as to the citizenship at large to hold the lines against certain "sinister forces" now seeking to undo the achievements of the Juniors, he closed his remarks with a vitriolic attack on Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York as a presidential prospect, classing him with the thugs and thieves of the metropolis and pleading for votes with which to block him and his organization on the path that leads to the White House.

PRESBYTERIANS SCORE PRESIDENT COOLIDGE

Tulsa, Okla., May 29.—A memorial from the Sedalia, Mo., Presbyterian assailing prohibition enforcement under President Coolidge and Andrew Mellon, secretary of the treasury, met a sharp rebuke at the general assembly of the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A. here today. Without a dissenting vote, the assembly disapproved the memorial and deplored the "spirit and letter of such an utterance."

The offending declaration asserted the United States was suffering from official inactivity against the liquor traffic, and added: "The present condition, with the president formerly attorney for the infamous business, appointing an ex-distiller as chief of the enforcement bureau, while giving up what we might expect by putting party above principle, is bringing reproach upon our constitution, as well as upon our reputation as a professedly Christian nation, both at home and abroad." Secretary Mellon is a member of the Presbyterian church.

U. S. GOVERNMENT WILL PAY N. C. SUM OF \$118,000

Representative Weaver has succeeded in getting the house of representatives to concur in authorizing the federal government to pay to the treasurer of North Carolina the sum of \$118,000. The senate at the instance of Senator Overman had already approved the measure and it now goes to the president. The amount asked for will be in settlement of two accounts, the first for advances made by the state of North Carolina to the federal government to aid in the prosecution of the war of 1812, the other claim having arisen from the seizure of cotton belonging to North Carolina in the years 1865 and 1866.

NORTH CAROLINA HAS BIG SUM IN STATE TREASURY

Cash in the state treasury April 20, including the general fund, the highway fund and outstanding warrants amounted to \$21,808,013, according to the combined statement of the auditor and treasurer issued last week. North Carolina's cash balance on May 1 was given as \$4,964,887. The state's funded debt on that date was placed at \$169,852,600.

The state started April with a cash balance of \$5,214,113, and received \$770,643 during the month. Disbursements totaled \$1,019,870.

The highway fund showed a cash balance of \$16,802,976 on that date. Receipts for the month were \$10,620,675, and disbursements \$10,931,763.

POLITICAL EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK

Highlights of Political Activity of Both Major Parties Summarized From Recent News Dispatches From Over the Country

Coff and Smith Lead in W. Va.

Returns from 202 precincts out of 2,306 in Tuesday's West Virginia primary gave: For president, Republican, Coff, 9,235; Hoover, S., 8,022; Democrat, 177 precincts, Reed 5,079, Smith 6,344. Gore was leading on the Democratic ticket and Conley on the Republican for United States senatorial honors. J. Alfred Taylor lead the Democrats for governor.

All the 1,820 delegates to the Republican national convention have been selected. The last state to name delegates was West Virginia, which held its primary Tuesday.

Six states and the District of Columbia have not designated their representation, aggregating 142 delegates, at the Democratic convention, where the vote will total 1,1000.

In the table below, the total after each candidate's name represents delegates instructed, pledged or claimed for him by his political managers, and not the number conceded to him by his opponents. There are overlapping claims in a number of states.

Republicans—515 1/2, of which 176 are in dispute.

Claimed for Hoover: Alabama 15, Arizona 5, Arkansas 6, California 15, Colorado 14, Delaware 4, Florida 19, Georgia 1, Iowa 2, Kentucky 29, Louisiana 12, Maine 13, Maryland 19, Massachusetts 37, Michigan 33, Minnesota 7, Missouri 10, Montana 5 1/2, Nebraska 9, Nevada 3, New Hampshire 11, New Jersey 31, New Mexico 7, New York 47, North Carolina 10, Ohio 3, Oregon 13, Rhode Island 12, Tennessee 19, Utah 12, Utah 1, Vermont 11, Virginia 17, Wisconsin 7, Hawaii 2, Philippines 2.

Hoover's claim to the following 176 delegates is disputed by opponents: Alabama 1, Arizona 4, Arkansas 4, Colorado 7, Delaware 4, Florida 10, Kentucky 2, Louisiana 12, Massachusetts 26, Minnesota 2, Mississippi 12, Missouri 4, Montana 1, Nebraska 6, Nevada 3, New Jersey 8, New Mexico 6, New York 20, North Carolina 5, Tennessee 12, Utah 1, Vermont 11, Virginia 11, Wisconsin 6.

Lowden—274 1/2, of which 80 are in dispute.

Claimed by Lowden: Alabama 15, Arizona 9, Arkansas 9, Colo. 3, Illinois 55, Iowa 27, Minnesota 21, Missouri 30, Montana 5 1/2, Nebraska 16, Nevada 2, New Mexico 4, North Carolina 13, North Dakota 13, Ohio 20, Oklahoma 18, South Carolina 17, South Dakota 13, Wisconsin 2, Alaska 2.

Lowden's claims by the following 86 delegates is disputed by opponents: Alabama 1, Arizona 3, Arkansas 3, Colorado 2, Illinois 6, Minnesota 4, Missouri 5, Nebraska 14, Nevada 1, New Mexico 1, North Carolina 3, Ohio 20, Oklahoma 18, Alaska 2.

Curtis—16, of which 22 are in dispute. Kansas 25, Oklahoma 20, Rhode Island 1, Alaska 2.

Curtis' claim to Oklahoma's 20 delegates and Alaska's 2 is disputed.

Norris—33, of which 16 are in dispute. Sixteen of the 19 Nebraska delegates also are claimed by Lowden managers and nine of them are claimed for Hoover.

Indiana: 23 goes to Senator Watson and Borah gets Idaho's 11. At present none of the candidates are claiming the following 169 delegates: Connecticut 17, Delaware 5, Georgia 15, Missouri 1, New York 43, Pennsylvania 79, Wyoming 9, District of Columbia 2, Porto Rico 2.

Democrats.

Smith 634, of which 75 are in dispute. Arizona 6, California 26, Colorado 8, Connecticut 14, Delaware 6, Idaho 8, Illinois 58, Iowa 26, Louisiana 20, Maine 12, Massachusetts 36, Michigan 30, Minnesota 24, Montana 8, Nevada 6, New Hampshire 8, New Jersey 28, New Mexico 6, New York 90, North Dakota 10, Ohio 1, Oklahoma 20, Oregon 10, Pennsylvania 68, Rhode Island 10, South Dakota 10, Utah 7, Vermont 8, Washington 14, Wisconsin 26, Wyoming 6, Alaska 6, Hawaii 6, Philippines 6, Porto Rico 6, Virgin Islands 2.

Smith's claims to the following 76 delegates is disputed by opponents: Illinois 12, Louisiana 20, Oklahoma 20, Pennsylvania 16, Utah 2, Porto Rico 6.

Reed 117, of which 81 are in dispute. Illinois 12, Kansas 20, Missouri 36, Oklahoma 20, Pennsylvania 26, Utah 3.

The claim of Reed's managers to all but the 36 Missouri delegates is disputed by his opponents.

Pomerene has 47 in Ohio; George 28 from Georgia, Hull 24 from Tennessee, Ayers 20, Kansas, claimed

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9 Precincts in County Held Meetings Saturday

Thirty Delegates Are Instructed for Hull, Eight for Smith and 31 Are Uninstructed; Five Precincts Failed to Hold Meetings

Nine of the fourteen precincts in the county held meetings Saturday afternoon for the purpose of naming delegates to the county convention on June 9. An unusually large crowd was present at the courthouse representative of the Democrats of Boone township. Twenty-four delegates were named to the county convention irrespective of presidential preference. However, the sentiment among the delegates is probably about evenly divided between the Smith and anti-Smith following. No vote was taken, the delegates being approved without dissent as proposed by a nominating committee.

A short "harmony talk" was made by County Superintendent Smith Hagaman, without the mention of a presidential prospect, following which Robert W. Palliam and E. J. Norris made a few remarks. The meeting closed with the best of feeling prevailing, no discussions having been brought about on account of the variance of personal opinions.

Blowing Rock, Watauga, Laurel Creek and Meat Camp No. 1 brought the total of uninstructed delegates up to 51. According to the best information obtainable, Cove Creek brought out the issue, instructing five for Smith and eight for Hull. Beaver Dam sent 11 for Hull while Meat Camp No. 1 and Bald Mountain added 11 more to the Tennesseean's column. The remaining townships, Blue Ridge, Elk, Shavaneeshaw, Stony Fork and North Fork, with a total of 11 votes, did not hold meetings so far as we have heard, the custom in this case being to seat as delegates anyone present from those townships at the county convention.

Following is the list of delegates from Boone township:

Delegates—Sam Atkins, T. L. Mast, W. C. Walker, W. R. Lovell, H. J. Hardin, R. C. Rivers, Jr., E. J. Norris, Roby Brown, J. S. Stanbury, J. D. Rankin, A. N. Norton, A. J. Edmonsten, Ira Critcher, Eller McNeil, C. C. Farthing, Clint Norris, J. Frank Moore, A. E. South, Wade McGhee, Tracy Council, G. P. Hagaman, W. G. Todd, J. D. Council.

Alternates—Mrs. J. D. Rankin, Walter Culiers, Chappel Wilson, Luther Hardy, Mrs. J. C. Farthing, Miss Jennie Mast, Mrs. J. S. Stanbury, Miss Carrie Coffey, D. J. Cottrell, Jack Norris, L. D. Woodard, Mrs. A. E. South, Mrs. J. D. Council, Cleve Gresh, Mrs. M. W. Beach.

RESULTS OF SATURDAY'S PRIMARIES IN DOUBT

Charlotte, May 28.—With conflicting claims coming from both camps today supporters of Governor Smith and those opposing him apparently had settled down to a fight for control of the county conventions on June 9.

Belated returns from outlying counties left no change in the standing of the rival candidates for North Carolina Democratic endorsement for the nomination for the presidency merely adding to the total of uninstructed delegations to county conventions.

Reports received from all except three isolated mountain counties today brought the total indicated state convention vote reported up to 1,892 with the following divisions:

Hull 533, Smith 379; uninstructed 622; doubtful 103; anti-Smith 96; instructed for dry candidate 36; Governor McLean 6; to be selected at mass county conventions June 9, 64; to be chosen June 2, 16; unreported 24. Total state convention vote 1,953.

While Hull supporters and United States Senator F. M. Simmons, leader of the anti-Smith forces in the state were claiming a great victory for the Tennesseean, Smith supporters today asserted that reports of the precinct meetings were misleading. W. B. Jones of Raleigh, in a statement issued "for the Smith committee of North Carolina," pointed to the fact that in many counties the precinct convention voted that any Democrat in good standing might participate in the county conventions and also that in many of those listed as uninstructed no vote was taken to indicate how the Democrats in attendance stood on the subject of the presidency.

Mr. Jones asserted that "practically every report received by the Smith committee clearly indicates a great majority of the vote cast in the preferential primary of Saturday is for Governor Smith."

At the same time similar claims were being made by the Hull forces.

Mr. James Cook and family have returned to their home in Boone from Caldwell county, where Mr. Cook was employed during the past winter.

NEWS BY THE CITIES OF 38 YEARS AGO

Outstanding happenings of Boone and Watauga County As Chronicled in the Columns of the Watauga Democrat

May 29, 1890

Considerable frost on the night of the 20th.

Our worthy editor is on the road between here and Blowing Rock, making preparations for the immediate erection of the telegraph line from here to that place.

On last Sabbath a Sunday school was organized at the Baptist church here. Mr. Columbus Coffey, superintendent and Mr. Alex. Hagaman, assistant superintendent, and Mr. B. J. Council, treasurer. Two interesting addresses were delivered by Rev. E. F. Jones and J. T. Spainhour.

Messrs. W. M. Francum, Jefferson Davis and Miss Nannie Rivers obtained state certificates good for three years anywhere in the state.

How about a Sunday school at the M. E. church? Are we to try to have one with a limited number of scholars? Let us decide by next Sunday.

The climax of all surprises were reached on Thursday night when Mr. James Winkler returned home from Statesville, bringing with him a bonny bride. Many here knew and loved the accomplished Miss Minnie Bennett, and we gladly welcome her in our midst. We extend to them our congratulations and wish them long and happy wedded life with all that is good, bright and beautiful.

Some of the farmers have begun hoeing corn, while others are not done planting. The prospects for peach and apple crops is looking very bad.

Charlotte had a big turnout of people on the 20th of May and speeches were delivered by Senators Vance and Ransom, Governor Fowle and others. Sam Jones ought to have been there.

Mr. W. R. Lovell of Johnson City, Tenn., is home on a visit.

The Holston Methodist, published at Knoxville, Tenn., notices the fact that Vice President Morton is running a saloon in the basement of the capitol building, and that President Harrison recently gave a big ball at the White House, and asks: "Is this a Christian or pagan land? The vice president is running a bar room and the White House is converted into a ball room."

UNIFICATION PROPOSAL BY PRESBYTERIANS DEFEATED

A proposal for the unification of the Presbyterians with the Congregationalists, Christian and Universalist churches has been rejected by the Presbyterian church of the U. S. A. in session at Tulsa, Okla. It was recommended that the assembly reject a proposal for participation in a conference planned for June with representatives of the three churches for discussion of amalgamation.

COVE CREEK NEWS NOTES

Sugar Grove, May 29.—On next Friday, June 1, there will be another public working on the school grounds here.

Last Friday there were four teams and a great amount of firing in was done. We appreciate the splendid spirit of co-operation shown by the friends of the school who have given their time and teams to this work during the past several weeks. It is earnestly requested that others who have not yet had an opportunity to help to come next Friday and finish the work on the grounds. A beautiful campus can be developed at Cove Creek and we are anxious to get it in grass at once. Lunch was served by a few ladies of the community last Friday in the home economics building. We will be glad if others will bring lunch June 1.

Miss Gertrude Bentley and sister of Jamestown were visitors to the community several days last week.

Miss Ruth Bingham is visiting friends in Knoxville, Tenn.

Work has been resumed on the splendid church building at Henson's chapel. The auditorium and class rooms are to be completed at once.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Horton, Mrs. A. R. Barlow of Lenoir, and John R. Horton are attending the commencement exercises at Meredith College this week. Miss Blanche Horton is a member of the graduating class of the Baptist institution.

Mrs. Edgar Harbin of Shells Mills visited her sister, Mrs. Grover C. Atkins over the week-end.

Miss Mary Ann Trivette of Boone spent the week-end with Mrs. James B. Mast.

Watauga's Soldier Dead Be Honored

Memorial services for soldiers of the World War from Watauga county who made the supreme sacrifice that the world might be free, will be held at the Baptist church here Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The service will be under the auspices of Watauga Post No. 130, American Legion, and the pastor of the church, the Rev. P. A. Hicks will make the address. All churches of the town are uniting in paying this annual Memorial Day honor to Watauga's soldier dead. Every Legionnaire and ex-soldier in the county is most heartily invited to be present for the service, especially the parents of those who were killed while in the service or who have since "went west."

Blowing Rock C. of C. Meets Thursday P. M.

Large Attendance is Urged Because Important Decisions To Be Reached; Resort Town Will Have Billiards and Bowling

Blowing Rock, May 31.—A meeting of the Blowing Rock Chapter of the C. of C. has been called for the school building, for Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. A large attendance is urged as questions to be discussed depend upon the wishes of residents of the town and it is desired that decisions reached shall represent the majority concerned.

The latest addition to Blowing Rock's summer amusements will be bowling and billiards. H. V. Martin is erecting the bowling alleys as an addition to his novelty store in Green Park. The addition will contain two bowling alleys for adults and one for children, besides one or two pool and billiard tables. Mr. Martin said that he expected to have the alleys ready for use within a week or so. It was pointed out that nearly all of the amusements offered here are outdoor sports like golf, tennis, horseback riding and fishing, but that no amusements except dancing had been provided for indoors on rainy days. Mr. Martin's enterprise is designed to meet this need.

Several members of the party of German educators touring the country and inspecting American public schools stopped in Blowing Rock last week. Although their visit was primarily for pleasure, they called on teachers of the Blowing Rock school and interviewed them about school conditions here. They expressed regret that the school had closed and that they could not observe it in operation.

A number of entries have been received by the committee in charge of the Blowing Rock Band's 50th anniversary convention, which is to be held here June 10 and 11. Several string bands and a number of individual musicians have signified their intention to take part in the convention.

Summer residents are arriving rapidly and opening their cottages. Others are preparing to come early in June.

Mrs. K. A. Dunn of Charlotte is among the early comers. She has opened her cottage in Green Park.

Mrs. Charles A. Carson of Charlotte is having an addition built to her Green Park Cottage and will come to Blowing Rock when this work is finished.

Pass Cannon of Salisbury and Mrs. J. M. Knox of Salisbury will arrive some time early in June to open their cottages in Green Park.

Senator A. A. Shuford's cottage in Green Park is almost finished. It is understood that he will come to Blowing Rock to occupy it as soon as the interior finishing is completed.

C. W. Hunt of Charlotte was here for a short visit last week. He is expected to return for the season in a short time.

The Misses Boogher and their mother arrived last week from their home in St. Louis and opened their summer home here.

H. L. McClellan has opened his summer home in Mayview Park.

The Bark Inn, the latest addition to Blowing Rock's summer lodging houses, is practically completed. Galen and Green, contractors, finished the carpenter work Saturday. This is one of the most attractive of the smaller hotels. It is tastefully finished both inside and outside and is equipped with all of the modern conveniences. It will be opened early in June by the owner, Mrs. Lou Greene.

A score of Blowing Rock's little folks were the guests of Louise Prevette on Monday afternoon from

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BAPTISTS LAUNCH CENTENNIAL DRIVE

Centennial Campaign To Raise \$1,500,000 For Seven Denominational Schools in State; I. G. Greer is General County Chairman

It was announced here Tuesday that headquarters for the Baptist Centennial campaign for this district had been established in North Wilkesboro, and that plans are rapidly being completed for the raising of the district's quota of the \$1,500,000 for the Baptist schools under control of the state convention. This district is composed of Watauga, Wilkes, Ashe, Alleghany, Surry and Yadkin and Avery counties.

The campaign was launched last August in the Central Association around Raleigh, moved eastward to the sea, and during the past few months has been moving toward the west.

Already there has been received in cash and good subscriptions approximately \$990,000, and those who are leading in this great work are gratified with the results.

The seven schools and colleges that will participate in the million and a half dollar fund are Wake Forest, Meredith, Chowan colleges, Mars Hill, Campbell and Wingate junior colleges, and Bowling Springs high school.

The pastors and associational workers of the Three Forks and Stony Fork Associations, in conference a few days ago, perfected the organization for this county. Prof. I. G. Greer is chairman for the associational group, the Three Forks association, Mr. Smith Hagaman is chairman, with Mrs. I. G. Greer as associational chairman of the Stony Fork association, Rev. Dan M. Wheeler is chairman and Miss Minnie Day, associate chairman.

Speakers will carry the centennial message into every church in the two associations.

Hon. O. Max Gardner of Shelby, is general chairman for the state; Judge Johnson J. Hayes, R. N. Simms and R. C. Lawrence, vice chairman, and Walters Burnham is treasurer. The line-up for the Three Forks-Stony Fork group is as follows:

Chairman, Prof. I. G. Greer, Boone.

Three Forks association, Chairman, Smith Hagaman, Boone; associate chairman, Mrs. I. G. Greer, Boone. Division chairmen, Geo. W. Robbins, Shells Mills; Mrs. L. M. Hodge, Banner Elk; Ira E. Duncan, Todd, Mrs. Will Profit, Meat Camp; W. D. Farthing, Boone; Mrs. W. P. Penley, Blowing Rock; Z. T. Watson, Brookside; Miss Theodora Watson, Deep Gap; A. J. Greene, Atlas; Mrs. Jas. Mast, Mast; Carter Farthing, Sugar Grove; Miss Rachel Wilson, Reese.

Stony Fork association, Chairman, Rev. Dan M. Wheeler, Triplett; associate chairman, Miss Minnie Day, Blowing Rock. Division chairmen, C. M. Cottrell, Banner; Miss Ethel Day, Blowing Rock.

N. C. LEGION AUXILIARY OFFICIALS TO MEET HERE

Department officers of the American Legion Auxiliary of North Carolina will meet at the Darrin Boone hotel here June 1st. L. S. Isaacs, commander of the local Legion post, announced Tuesday.

Mrs. Irene Motzner, Walbridge, national president, will attend the executive meeting on June 1st, of auxiliary. On the following Sunday she and Mrs. Harry Voss of Winston-Salem, state president, will go to Oteen to visit the Veterans' hospital.

This will be Mrs. Walbridge's second visit to North Carolina, and the state department feels highly honored in her coming. She has a wonderful war record, having served one and a half years with the American forces overseas. Under the auspices of the Salvation Army, she maintained huts within the battle lines, serving on four fronts with different combat divisions. She was under fire for two hundred and fifty days, was gassed twice, and received unusual distinction of being twice cited for bravery under fire.

Through regular army channels Mrs. Walbridge was recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross, an honor that would have required a special act of congress to accord.

MAYOR WALKER GETS GA. PEACHES BY AIR MAIL

The cargo of the mail plane from Atlanta to New York on Monday night included a basket of Georgia peaches consigned to Mayor Walker of New York as a gift from the Georgia Peach Growers' Association. A chartered plane rushed the package from Macon to connect with the air mail and the fruit arrived in New York in time to be added to the mayor's breakfast menu on Tuesday. Stamps to the amount of \$25.10 practically covered the package.